

TEMBLOR VICTIMS. SUFFER HARDSHIPS

Latest Reports do not Minimize the Horrors of the Disaster in Italy--Many Nations Join in Relief Work

(By Associated Press.)

CATANIA, Jan. 1.—The heavy rain continues, increasing the suffering of the injured and making more difficult the work of rescue, but it is quenching the fires and having a slightly purifying effect on the air.

Distribution of food is now organized. The roads between here and Messina are filled with refugees. Some of them stagger along overloaded with possessions and others are driving before them a donkey or cow weighed down with household goods, and still others are accompanied by sheep or a few goats, or perhaps a faithful dog. The vast majority of survivors saved nothing. All their possessions are on their backs in the shape of tattered clothing, scantily covering nakedness. Refugees from Messina and Reggio continue to pour into Catania and the city is one vast hospital. Thousands of half nude individuals of both sexes are gathered on either side of the ruins of Messina, seeking food, or trying to get away by sea. Many children have died of exposure and cases of madness are increasing. Last night the warships in Messina harbor threw searchlights on the ruins to enable the rescuers ashore to continue work. The stench of decomposing bodies is becoming overpowering.

Some of the Details of The Catastrophe Scenes

THE IRISH TO CONTRIBUTE.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—An appeal to 200,000 members in the United States and Canada of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for contributions to the Italian relief fund was issued today by national President Matthew Cummings of this city.

MESSINA STRAITS UNCHANGED.

MALTA, Jan. 1.—Rear Admiral Fisher, the admiral superintendent of the dockyard, has requested the collector of customs to deny the report that Messina straits are unrecognizable. He declares the topography of the straits remains unaltered.

GREECE DONATES MONEY.

ATHENS, Jan. 1.—The chamber of deputies today voted \$40,000 toward the relief fund of Italian earthquake sufferers. The cabinet has decided to send a warship and a transport with provisions to the stricken zone.

CHILEANS SUBSCRIBE FUNDS.

VALPARAISO (Chile), Jan. 1.—A subscription fund started here for the Italian earthquake sufferers has already reached \$110,000.

NO AMERICANS KILLED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The king of Italy has sent to King Edward a telegram expressing warm thanks for the work of charity of the officers and sailors of the British warships toward the earthquake sufferers. Cook's tourist agency learns from Naples that it is almost certain no English or American tourists were injured through the destruction of the Hotel Trinacria at Messina, and it is believed no English or Americans were staying at the Hotel Bellevue, which was also destroyed at that place.

MORE TEMBLORS.

ROME, Jan. 1.—Slight earthquake shocks are reported as being felt in southern Italy, completing the ruin of the crumbling buildings. Fires are still burning in Messina. The king has placed the royal palaces at Naples and Caserta at the disposal of the injured.

SHOCKS IN AFRICA.

ALGIERS, Jan. 1.—Light earthquake shocks were felt in this city tonight, but no damage was done. The disturbance covered three min-

FEW ESCAPED IN MESSINA.

CATANIA, Dec. 31.—One of the Messina survivors says that only a small portion of the population escaped. Thousands of imprisoned and piloned human beings, unable to extricate themselves, are being burned alive; others dying of their injuries, while many are starving. The streets are filled with confused masses of brick and mortar, beams, furniture and chimneys. In many cases the streets are twisted into fantastic shapes. The celebrated Avenue Palazzetti, which runs along the sea front from the university to the postoffice, is impassable. All the public monuments that were there have entirely disappeared.

All the water pipes, sewers and gas pipes of the city have been destroyed, and water and filth are flooding the streets. Gas explosions occur frequently and result in the breaking out of scores of small fires. For several hours after the first destructive shock shook Messina was absolutely without organized relief, for the reason that the soldiers, the police, the doctors and nurses by the hundreds were either buried or drowned.

The first work of rescue was performed by volunteers from ships in the harbor and groups of heroic survivors who at great labor and personal danger extricated many persons pinned beneath the wreckage.

Messina's crying need today is for doctors, nurses, food and firemen to combat the flames that still ravage the city. Doctors, nurses and firemen are being hurried into the wrecked city, but the lack of food and water makes the work of rescue difficult. The Russian and British warships at Messina have sent crews ashore and the vessels have been transformed into hospitals.

All the hospitals in Catania are crowded and even the schools have been turned into infirmaries. The less seriously injured of the survivors at Messina are being dispatched to Palermo.

Minister of Public Works Bertolini has arrived at Messina and organized several corps of volunteers for rescue work.

It is asserted that half the fatalities occurred because it was quite impossible for the survivors to render prompt assistance. Not the least of the suffering was caused by the downpour of cold rain.

Some of the refugees from Messina passed through San Giovanni, Palmi, Scylla, Cannitello, Favizzani and Bagnara and found most of the towns destroyed. A boat moored at one of the docks seemed suddenly to be thrown high in the air. It landed on top of the dock and was left hanging there by the receding waters. This was the first intimation to the crew that anything had happened.

RUIN WORKED BY TIDAL WAVE.

NAPLES, Dec. 31.—While the destruction of Messina and Reggio was due primarily to the earthquake, the tidal wave caused enormous damage. In the narrow strait the water formed into a huge wave, thirty feet high. It then drew back from the coast, as if gaining strength for an onslaught that would obliterate the land. So violent was the motion of the atmosphere coincident with the tidal wave that several workmen engaged in digging a pit on the Calabrian side of the strait were carried bodily up into the air.

Suddenly stopping in its backward sweep, the waters of the strait hurled themselves upon the two coasts. Inexorably they advanced, and piers, houses and gardens were swallowed up in the flood. Above some places on the coast of Sicily the waters swept over the earth for a distance of ten miles. The ground for a great distance trembled under the shock of the impact.

A naval officer who witnessed this awe-inspiring spectacle, described it in these words: "It seemed as if two mountains, one of water and the other of land, fell furiously, the one toward the other, and as if the land vomited human habitations into the sea."

RED HOT TIME IN SEATTLE

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Every reserve policeman at headquarters was needed to beat back a mob of rioters that stormed the city jail today, following the arrest of Thomas Peterson. The mob, consisted of over 1000 men and boys who surrounded the jail and called for the release of the prisoner, who was arrested for disorderly conduct.

CORBETT IS AFTER JOHNSON

(By Associated Press.)

LEADVILLE (Colo.), Jan. 1.—James J. Corbett, the former heavyweight champion pugilist, tonight announced his willingness to meet Jack Johnson if it were necessary to bring the championship back to a white man.

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1909 AT WHITE HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt and 6000 people representing every land, and every state and territory of the union, today exchanged "happy New Year" greetings at the white house. For three and a half hours the president stood receiving guests, and when the reception ended, last year's record of attendance was broken by over 700.

RUSSIAN STRIKERS TO DIE

YEKATERINOSLAV (Russia), Jan. 1.—The military court today pronounced forty-one death sentences for recent crimes. Thirty-two of the condemned men were strikers in the railroad troubles in October, 1905. In addition to the death sentences twelve strikers were condemned to penal servitude for life, forty-eight to lesser terms of exile, and thirty-nine acquitted. The sentences result from the strike of 1905, when the strikers attempted to tie up the whole railway system, telegraph lines, gas and electric light plants. Many persons were killed in demonstrations here.

A BLOODY ENCOUNTER OCCURS IN WARSAW

(By Associated Press.)

WARSAW, Jan. 1.—Four men were killed and three wounded today in an encounter between Polish Socialists and Nationalists.

INSURANCE COMPANY'S BOOKS ARE REMOVED

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The books and policies of the Washington Life Insurance company, which were recently sold to a group of New York men, have been removed from the city, according to Superintendent of Insurance Skelly.

A BOMB EXPLOSION IN ITALIAN QUARTER

(By Associated Press.)

HARTFORD (Conn.), Jan. 1.—The explosion of a bomb in a six-family Italian tenant house on Front street today has created intense excitement throughout the Italian colony. The bomb was loaded with cheap powder. Little damage to the building resulted.

MURDERED WOMAN'S BODY FOUND AFTER FIRE

PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.), Jan. 1.—A search of the ruins of the farmhouse of the late Edward Turner on Port Discovery bay, which was burned last night, resulted in the discovery of the body of his aged Indian widow. A deep wound in her forehead indicated that she had been murdered.

DRINK THE DOWNFALL OF MURDERER

(By Associated Press.)

LAS ANIMAS (Colo.), Jan. 1.—John Harry Dale Smith, for whom the police of the country have been searching for months, was arrested in a saloon today. Smith is wanted on a charge of brutally murdering Volly Mann, whose body was found partially buried in a ravine in western Nebraska. The first inkling the authorities had of the crime was when a woman claiming to be his wife told the Denver chief of police that her husband had shot a strange man, who called at their camp in an isolated portion of Nebraska, robbed him of his team and other possessions and hastily buried the body. Investigation disclosed the body at the place described by the woman. The arrest of Smith came about through too free conversation while drinking.

The Southern States Getting Mighty Dry

(Associated Press.)

ATLANTA (Ga.), Jan. 1.—State wide prohibition laws went into effect today in three southern states, North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama. Georgia is the only other state wherein statutory prohibition exists, the law having been in operation one year. The new law which seeks to regulate the liquor traffic in Louisiana became effective today. Although the law is not so sweeping in terms as a state wide measure, the Prohibitionists contend that if strictly enforced it will drive the saloons out of liquor strongholds. Prohibitionists are now lining up for an early campaign in several other states.

REPUBLIC OF CUBA THE NEXT THING

(Associated Press.)

HAVANA (Cuba), Jan. 1.—The inaugural step toward the re-establishment of the Cuban republic marked the New Year reception at the palace when Governor Magoon formally presented diplomatic representatives, consular officers, supervisors of governmental departments, judges of supreme and minor courts, presidents of commercial guilds, representatives of the foreign and native press, officers of the Cuban armed forces and many prominent citizens to President-elect General Jose Miguel Gomez and to Vice President-elect Alfredo Zayas.

RECORDS BROKEN BY WILBUR WRIGHT

(By Associated Press.)

LE MANS (France), Jan. 1.—Wilbur Wright broke all previous aeroplane records here yesterday afternoon with a flight that lasted two hours and nine minutes. He covered, officially, a distance of seventy-three miles, but as a matter of fact, made more than ninety miles.

The feat was more remarkable because of the intense cold. Later Mr. Wright went aloft with M. Barthou as a passenger.

TRAIN WRECKED BY BROKEN RAIL

(By Associated Press.)

DULUTH (Minn.), Jan. 1.—A passenger train on the Duluth and Mesaba railroad was wrecked by a broken rail near Spruce Junction today. Three coaches rolled down an embankment and several persons were injured, although none were reported killed.

Mayor Harker of Sparta, Minnesota; Superintendent Sullivan of the Gilbert mine, and Mrs. Sullivan and Joseph Krall of Sparta are among the seriously injured.

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